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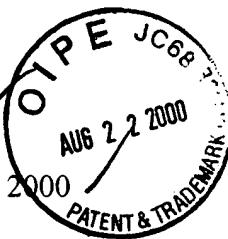
## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
09/498,473	February 4, 2000	
09/134,874	August 17, 1998	2722
09/359,647	July 26, 1999	2722
09/400,282	September 21, 1999	2721
09/409,664	September 30, 1999	2721
09/517,075	March 1, 2000	
09/510,190	February 22, 2000	

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

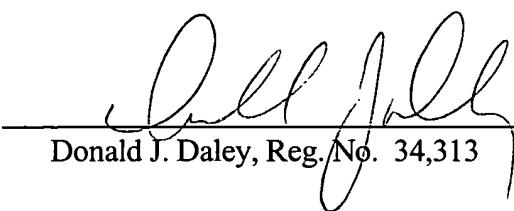
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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